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## Fixing the problem

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SEEING little lives hit hard by cancer motivated Simone Tierney to get on her bike.



Journey: Simone Tierney was one of 5700 people taking part in the Great Cycle Challenge for child medical research. Picture: Louise dongses

The Mildura business owner biked more than 500km during October and raised almost \$5000 for children's cancer in the process.

The Endota spa owner was one of 5700 Australians who took part in the Great Cycle Challenge, which raises money for the Children's Medical Research Institute.

With three Australian children on average dying of cancer each week, Simone said the challenge was about "fixing the problem".

"This is about finding a cure," she said.

Simone said some close friends' lives had been affected by kids' cancer and she empathised with their plight as a mother herself.

“We have three young children and I just can’t imagine what life would be like if they weren’t happy and healthy,” she said.

“You see with little Eva, just in the last week, it’s absolutely devastating.”

Simone said she cycled from her Mildura home to her workplace at Red Cliffs and back each day, and the journey had taught her three daughters an important lesson about giving something back to the community too.

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